

## **REMARKS**

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application in view of the following remarks.

### **Claim Status**

Claims 1-12 and 14-21 are pending in this application. Claims 1-3 and 14-17 have been rejected. Claims 4-12 and 18-21 have been objected to by the Examiner.

### **Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102**

Claims 1-3 and 14-17 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Pub. No. 20050018521 (Kim).

Applicants note that the appropriate section 102(e) prior art date of Kim is its U.S. filing date (July 22, 2004) (unless Kim claims the benefit of an international application that designated the U.S. and was published under PCT Article 21(2) in English). Kim claims priority to a Korean application, the filing date of which cannot be used for 102(e) purposes. See M.P.E.P. § 706.02(f)(1).

Applicants further note that the U.S. filing date of Kim (July 22, 2004) is after the U.S. filing date (March 29, 2004) of the present application. Thus, Kim is disqualified as prior art against this application and cannot be properly used as a basis of rejection under section 102. See M.P.E.P. § 706.02.

Accordingly, Applicants submit that claims 1-3 and 14-17 are not anticipated by Kim. As such, Applicants request that the Examiner withdraw the rejections of claims 1-3 and 14-17 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e).

### **Allowable Subject Matter**

The Examiner objected to claims 4-12 and 18-21 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, and indicated that claims 4-12 and 18-21 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of their base claims and any intervening claims.

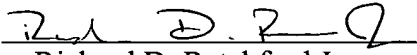
Applicants note the traversal (see above) of the rejections of claims 1-3 and 14-17 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e), which states that since Kim cannot be properly used as a basis for rejection under section 102 claims 1-3 and 14-17 are believed to be allowable.

Accordingly, Applicants request that the Examiner withdraw the objection to claims 4-12 and 18-21, which respectively depend from claims 1 and 15.

### CONCLUSION

Accordingly, Applicants submit that the claims as herein presented are allowable over the prior art of record, taken alone or in combination, and that the respective rejections be withdrawn. Applicants further submit that the application is hereby placed in condition for allowance which action is earnestly solicited.

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